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It is with all good will, offered to "young "men and maidens, old men---high and low, rich "and poor, one with another,"*

BY THE COMPILER.

A Layman of the United Church.

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* Psalm cxlviii. 12.
Ib. xlix. 2.

REFERENCES AND AUTHORITIES.

I.

(*a*) I will mention the loving kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us. Isaiah lxiii. 7.

(*b*) Behold what *manner of love* the Father hath bestowed upon us. 1 John iii. 1.

Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgressions, and sin. Exodus xxiv. 7.

Thanks be unto God for his *unspeakable* gift. 2 Corinth. ix. 15.

Yet believing, ye rejoice with joy *unspeakable* and full of glory. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter i. 8, 9.

(*c*) O how plentiful is thy *goodness* which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee. Psalms, Com. Pr., lxxxi. 21.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great *goodness*. Psalms, Bib. Trans., cxlv. 7.

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"And now, without redemption, all mankind
Must have been lost, adjudged to death and hell
By doom severe, had not the Son of God,
In whom the fulness dwells of love divine,
His dearest mediation thus renew'd."
Milton's Paradise Lost, b. iii. l. 222.

"And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians ii. 20.

I.

(*a*) THY mercy infinite, O Lord!
(*b*) Unspeakable thy love!
Who, uninspir'd, shall well record
(*c*) The goodness from above!

II.

(*a*) *Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*
Communion, First Preface.

(*b*) For God so loved the world, that he *gave his only begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St. John iv. 16.
Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, *thine only begotten Son.* Communion, Preface, Christmas Day.

(*c*) In that, while we were yet sinners, *Christ died for us.*
Romans v. 8.

(*d*) Who by *his death* hath destroyed death, and *taken away the sins* of the world. Communion, Preface, Easter Day.

III.

(*e*) Therefore when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is *the son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.* If God be glorified, *God shall also glorify him in himself*, and shall straightway glorify him. St. John xiii. 31, 32.

(*f*) That God may be *glorified through Jesus Christ*, to whom *be praise* and dominion for ever and ever.
1 Peter iv. 11.

(*g*) Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Revelations i. 5, 6.

(*h*) Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is *none other name* under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts iv. 12.
That *at the name of Jesus* every knee shall bow.
Philippians ii. 10.
And *the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.*
Acts xix. 17.
And see Even. Serv., Magnif.

IV.

(*i*) *For* if, when we were enemies, *we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,*

(*j*) Much more being reconciled, we shall be *saved by his life.*
Not only so, but we also *joy* in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

(*k*) *By whom we have now received the atonement.*
Romans v. 10, 11.

II.

(*a*) Glory to Thee, O Lord, most High!

(*b*) Who gave thine only Son,

(*c*) In pain of death, to take away

(*d*) The sins of man undone; †

III.

And to Thee, O Son,* who 'rt in God,

(*e*) The Father, glorified,

(*f*) And God through Thee, all love—all praise, (*g*)

(*h*) —THY NAME BE MAGNIFIED,

IV.

(*i*) For by thy death we 're reconcil'd

To God—IN God believe, (*j*)

(*j*) Sav'd by thy life—by whom

(*k*) Th' atonement† we receive.

* "O Son, in whom my soul hath chief delight,
Son of my bosom—Son, who art alone
My Word." Milton's Paradise Lost, b. iii. l. 268.

† "Atonement for himself, or offering meet,
Indebted and undone," (*man*,) "had none to bring."
Ib. l. 234.

V.

(*a*) *All we like sheep have gone astray.*
Isaiah liii. 6.

(*b*) We *grope for the wall like the blind,* and we grope as if we had no eyes. Ib. lix. 10.

(*c*) We have *turned away, every one to his own way.*
Ib. liii. 6.

(*d*) They all look to their own way, *every one for his gain* from his own quarter. Ib. lvi. 11.

VI.

(*e*) And didst debase thyself even unto hell.
Isaiah lvii. 9.

And of whom hast thou been afraid, or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, and laid it to thy heart? Have I not held my peace, even of old, and thou fearest me not? Ib. lvii. 11.

(*f*) For the *spirit of whoredom* hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.
Hosea iv. 12.

To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness unto light, and *from the power of Satan unto God,* that they may receive forgiveness of their sins.
Acts xxvi. 18.

In whom *the god of this world* (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them that believe not. 2 Cor. iv. 4.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the Lord hath spoken.

I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

Ah sinful nation! a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers. Isaiah i. 2.

(*g*) That they might know *thee, the only true God.*
John xvii. 3.

(*h*) *They have provoked the holy one of Israel unto anger;* they have gone away backward. Isaiah i. 4.

(*i*) Children that are corrupters: *they have forsaken the Lord.*
Ib. i. 4; (lxv. 11.)

VII.

(*j*) But your *iniquities have separated between you and your God.*

(*k*) *Your sins have hid his face from you,* that he will not hear.*
Isaiah lix. 2.

* This, although spoken to the professed people of God, is presumed to be thus generally applied.

V.

(*a*) Like sheep, we all had gone astray,

(*b*) Groping for wall, like blind,

(*c*) Ev'ry one turning to his own way

(*d*) For gain—he could not find;

VI.

(*e*) Sin over wretched man had dire

Dominion taken;

(*f*) Satan his God—TH' ONLY TRUE GOD, (*g*)

(*h*) Provoked—forsaken. (*i*)

VII.

(*j*) Between God and man, Iniquities

Then, had separated;

(*k*) He had hid his face from Him– fixed *—

Unless redeem'd, his fate:

* ——— "I else must change
Their nature, and revoke the high decree
Unchangeable, eternal, which ordained
Their freedom." Milt. Par. Lost, b. iii. l. 125.

VIII.

(*a*) But draw near ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer. Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? Are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood? Isaiah lvii. 4, 5.

See also the head of the Chapter.

Behold, ye fast for *strife and debate*. Is it such a fast I have chosen? Ib. lviii. 4, 5.

(*b*) Who through thy only begotten son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and *opened unto us the gate of everlasting life*. Collect, Easter Sunday.

IX.

(*c*) *When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man;*

(*d*) Thou didst *not abhor the virgin's womb*. Te Deum.

(*e*) And they came in haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe, *lying in a manger*.

St. Luke ii. 16; and 12.

(*f*) And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new *tomb*.

St. Matt. xxviii. 59, 60.

VIII.

Such, when our Saviour came, the state

(*a*) (With God in constant strife,)

(*b*) Of man, to ope to him the gate

Of everlasting life.

IX.

(*c*) He did not, to deliver man,

(*d*) Abhor the Virgin's womb;

(*e*) Humble his birth, his life—short span! *

(*f*) His earthly end—the tomb.

* St. Luke, (iii 23,) says, "And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age," and in chap. iv. proceeds thus: "And Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from Jordan, (*where he had been baptized by John,*) and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being "forty days tempted of the Devil." See also St. Matthew iii. 16, and iv. 1.

The note in the late Rev. Thomas Scott's Commentary on the Old and New Testament on the passages in St. Matthew is as follows: "Good chronologists compute that Christ was born four years before the time of the æra from which we at present calculate. The chapters are here, however, dated according to the vulgar æra, and as he was thirty years of age at his baptism, that event is dated after Christ, twenty-six, and the computation is proceeded with on the same principle, as far as the date of events can be ascertained."

On the passages in St. Luke he says,—"Jesus began to

X.

(*a*) Who, when *he was reviled, reviled not again;* when *he suffered, threatened not.* 1 Pet. ii. 23.

Yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none; at the last came two false witnesses, and the high priest said unto him, Answereth thou nothing? But *Jesus held his peace.* St. Matt. xxvi. 60, 61, 62.

(*b*) Then said Jesus, *(at that time crucified,)*—"*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*"
St. Luke xxiii. 34.

(*c*) And on earth peace, *good will towards man.*
Ib. ii. 14.

XI.

(*d*) *And the devil said to him,* All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will, I give. If thou, therefore, will worship me, all shall be thine.——*And Jesus answered, Get thee behind me, Satan.* St. Luke iv. 6, 7, 8.
Jesus said unto him, It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. St. Matt. iv. 7.

(*e*) And the chief priests and scribes heard it, and *sought how they might destroy him.* St. Mark xi. 11.

And sought *false witnesses against him, to put him to death.*
St. Matt. xxvi. 59.

And they watched him, that they might *find accusation against him.* And they were filled with madness; and *communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.*
St. Luke vi. 7, 11.

And the chief priests and scribes *sought how they might kill him.* Ib. xxii. 2.

(*f*) Being forty days tempted of the devil: and in those days *he did eat nothing:* and when they were ended, he *afterwards hungered.* Ib. iv. 2.

(*g*) For it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and *him only shalt thou serve.* Ib. iv. 8.

X.

Though short, yet great in his sojourn

His trials—sense of ill

(*a*) Call'd forth no wrath—HIS,—was return

(*b*) Of good for wrongs—TO ALL GOOD WILL. (*c*)

XI.

(*d*) Tempted in vain, from luring good

He turn'd; nor bribe, nor rod,

(*e*) Conspiracies, nor want of food, (*f*)

(*g*) Could draw Him from his God.

"be about thirty years of age at his baptism, or perhaps he began his public ministry by being baptized of John when he was about thirty years old. Some understand the clause to mean that he was *ruled* or was in subjection to Joseph and Mary for about thirty years. He was, however, about thirty years of age when he entered upon his ministry. This being the decision of an inspired writer, outweighs all the specious conjectures of learned men concerning the duration of our Lord's ministry; and if he was crucified in year A. D. 33, it must have lasted longer than they generally allow, for he would be thirty years old A. D. 27," and (referring to *Note*, Matt. xiv. *beginning*,) adds, "But the word *about* and the *decimal* number concur in warranting an opinion that he might be rather above thirty at this time." The exact age, however, of our Saviour, at the time of his death, does not appear from the late learned commentator's notes; and on reference to Bayle's Dictionnaire Historique et Critique, Bishop (Jeremy) Taylor's Works and other Books of authority at the British Museum and elsewhere, the compiler has not been able to ascertain it.

XII.

(*a*) He is *despised* and *rejected of men.* Isaiah liii. 3.
(*b*) Surely he hath *borne our griefs,*
(*c*) Yet we did *esteem him stricken of God.* Ib. liii. 4.
(*d*) He was oppressed, he was *afflicted,*
Yet *he opened not his mouth.* Ib. liii. 7.

XIII.

(*e*) He was *taken* from *prison* and from *judgment.*
Isaiah liii 8.
(*f*) He is brought as a *lamb* to the slaughter.
Ib. liii. 7.
(*g*) And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master, and *kissed him.* St. Matt. xxvi. 49.
But Jesus said unto him, Judas, *betrayeth* thou the Son of man *with a kiss?* Luke xxii. 48.
(*h*) And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast *slain,* and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.
Rev. v. 9.
(*i*) He will swallow up death in victory. Isaiah xxv. 8.
Then shall be brought about the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 2 Cor. xv. 54.

XIV.

(*j*) And when they were come to the place which was called Calvary, they *crucified him.* St. Luke xxiii. 23.
(*k*) And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit; and having said this, *gave up the ghost.* Ib. xxiii. 46.
(*l*) And they bowed the knee before him, and *mocked* him.
St. Matt. xxviii. 29.
And the soldiers also *mocked* him. St. Luke xxiii. 36.
(*m*) And they *smote* him on the head with a reed.
St. Mark xv. 19.
Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others *smote* him with the palm of their hands.
St. Matt. xxvi. 67.
(*n*) He is not here, for he is *risen.* St. Matt. xxviii. 6.
Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified. He is *risen.* He is not here. St. Luke xiii. 52, 53.
(*o*) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the *heavenly host.**

* It was so on his birth, Luke ii. 13, and previous to his death, (See Luke xxii. 43, where it is said,) "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."

XII.

(*a*) Despis'd—rejected, still our griefs He bore, (*b*)

(*c*) Stricken, as was esteem'd

(*d*) Of God—afflicted—yet forbore—

Content*—if man redeem'd.

XIII.

(*e*) From prison, and from judgment ta'en,

(*f*) Like Lamb (Isaiah saith),

(*g*) Through treach'rous kiss, at length, tho' slain, (*h*)

(*i*) Victorious† in death.

XIV.

(*j*) Nail'd to the Cross—gave up the ghost, (*k*)

(*l*) (First mock'd and smote with rod,) (*m*)

(*n*) Buried—He rose—with heav'nly host, (*o*)

In triumph to his God.‡

* "Behold me then—me for him, life for life
I offer." Milt. Para. Lost, b. iii. l. 236.

† "But I shall rise victorious, and subdue
My vanquishers." Ib. l. 250.

‡ "I through the ample air, in triumph high,
Shall lead hell captive." Ib. l. 255.
"Then with the multitude of my redeem'd,
Shall enter heaven." Ib. l. 260.

XV.

(*a*) Suffered under Pontius Pilate. Apostles' Creed.

(*b*) Who made there by his one oblation of himself

(*c*) Once offered *a full* perfect, and sufficient *sacrifice* and satisfaction for the sins of the *whole world.*

Communion: Prayer of Consecration.

(*d*) Among *all nations,* beginning at Jerusalem.

St. Luke xxiv. 47.

XVI.

(*e*) And that the *Gentiles* might glorify God for his mercy.

Acts xv. 9.

And glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to *the Gentiles* granted repentance unto life. Acts x. 18.

Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of *the Gentiles?* Yes, of *the Gentiles* also. Romans iii. 29.

(*f*) For in that *he died,* he *died unto* sin. Likewise reckon yourselves to be *dead indeed unto sin.*—Easter Day.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that *the body of sin might be destroyed,* that from henceforth we should not serve sin. Romans vi. 6.

That we being *dead unto sin,* should live unto righteousness. 1 Peter ii. 24.

(*g*) But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin, by the *sacrifice of himself.*

Hebrews ix. 26.

So *Christ was once offered,* to bear the sins of many.

Ib. ver. 28.

XVII.

(*h*) The exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, *thus dying for us.*

Communion, third Exhortation.

(*i*) *Greater love hath no man than this,*
That a man layeth down his life for his friends.

St. John xv. 13.

XV.

(*a*) Suffering for our redemption,

(*b*) He, by his one oblation

(*c*) Of Himself, made full sacrifice

(*d*) For sins of every nation.

XVI.

(*e*) For Gentile equally with Jew,

The debt our Saviour paid;

(*f*) Sin could alone be dead, He knew,

(*g*) By sacrifice once made.

XVII.

Mark, well, this proof our Saviour gave

(*h*) Thus dying, of his love

For all, repenting—none greater can

(*i*) The Bond of Friendship prove;

XVIII.*

(*a*) Then entered Satan into Judas, surnamed Iscariot, *being of the number of the twelve.* St. Luke xxii. 3.

Now when the EVEN was come, he sat down with the *twelve.* St. Matthew xxvi. 20.

Jesus answered them, *Have I not chosen you twelve,* and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for he it was who should betray him, *being one of the twelve.* St. John vi. 70.

Those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition.
St. John xvii. 12. (and see 2 Thess. ii. 3.)

(*b*) For I have given unto them *the words* which thou gavest me, and they have *received them.* Ib. ver. 8.

XIX.

(*c*) *O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee,* and these have known that thou hast sent me. St. John xvii. 25.

(*d*) I have manifested thy name unto the men *thou gavest me.* Ib. ver. 6.

(*e*) And *they have received them,* (the words,) and *have known surely that I* came out from thee, and they *believed that thou didst send me.* Ib. ver. 8.

XX.

(*f*) *That they may behold my glory* which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me *before the foundation of the world.* St. John xvii. 24.

(*g*) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thy own self, *with the glory I had with thee before the world was.* Ib. ver. 5.

(*h*) I *have declared* unto them *thy name,* and *will declare* it. Ib. ver. 26.

* Want of space, and due regard to the alphabetical order of the references from the Paraphrase, which necessarily wait on the freedom of transposition of passages from the Text, forbid the insertion of the whole of this divine prayer, in the order and inspired language of the verses in which it will be found in St. John.

XVIII.

Hear his last pray'r for those He lov'd—

(*a*) (The *eleven* that receiv'd

(*b*) His words—thrice bless'd—thrice happy they

Who heard Him and believ'd—)

XIX.

(*c*) "O righteous Father, Thee I have known,

The world hath not known Thee;

(*d*) But those Thou gavest me, believe

(*e*) Surely, Thou hast sent me."

XX.

(*f*) "Let them behold my glory, for 'fore (*g*)

The world was made," the same

It was with Thee—"I have declar'd,

(*h*) And will declare thy name

XXI.

(*a*) I have manifested thy name *unto the men thou gavest me* out of the world, thine they were, and *thou gavest them me*, and they have kept my word. St. John xvii. 6.

(*b*) *That the love wherewith thou hast loved me* may be in them, and I in thee. Ib. ver. 26.

(*c*) *And these things I speak* in the world, *that they might have*

(*d*) *my joy fulfilled in themselves.* Ib. ver. 13.

XXII.

(*e*) *May be in them, and I in them.* St. John xvii. 26.

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee. Ib. ver. 21.

(*f*) Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, *that they may be one, even as we are.* Ib. ver. 22.

(*g*) *I in them, and thou in me,*

(*h*) And that they may be *made perfect in one;* and that the world may know that thou sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me. Ib. ver. 23.

XXIII.

(*i*) That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee; *that they also may be one in us,* that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. St. John xvii. 21.

(*j*) And *the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them,* that

(*k*) *they may be one.* Ib. ver. 22.

(*l*) *And now I come to thee.* Ib. ver. 13.

XXI.

(*a*) "To them Thou gavest me, that the love (*b*)
Wherewith Thou lov'dst me
(*c*) (I speak that each may in him have
(*d*) My joy fulfill'd by Thee,)

XXII.

(*e*) "May be in them and I in them,
(*f*) And they, as we are, one—
(*g*) I," Lord, "in them, and Thou in me,
(*h*) And perfect made in one,

XXIII.

(*i*) "That they may all be one in US;
(*j*) I give them the glory
(*k*) Thou hast given me, that they may be one—
(*l*) —And now,—I come to Thee."

XXIV.

(*a*) *Neither pray I for these alone,*

(*b*) But for *them also which shall believe on me* through *their word.* St. John xvii. 20.

XXV.

(*c*) Who *in the same night that he was betrayed,* took *bread,* and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and *gave it to his disciples,* saying, Take, *eat; this is my body,* which is given for you.*

Do this in remembrance of me.†

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* St. Matthew xxvi. 26.

† St. Luke xxii. 19.

XXVI.

(*d*) Likewise after supper *he took the cup,*

(*e*) And when he *had given thanks,* he gave it to them,

(*f*) *Saying, Drink ye all of this,*

For *this is my blood* of the New Testament, which *is shed for you, and for many,* for the remission of sins: Do this as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of me.

Communion, Prayer of Consecration.

Matt. xxvi. 27, 28.

XXIV.

(*a*) But not for them alone——He pray'd
(*b*) For all, who, thro' their word,
Should, with like faith, on Him believe,
His prayer might be heard.

XXV.

(*c*) Then—in the night—He was betray'd,
Took bread, and to them gave;
Eat—THIS IS MY BODY, He said,
Me in remembrance have.

XXVI.

(*d*) And took the cup, (first giving thanks,
(*e*) As 'fore He broke the bread;)
(*f*) Drink ye, he said; THIS MY BLOOD,
For many, as for you, is shed.

XXVII.

(*a*) For then we spiritually eat the *flesh of Christ.*
Communion, Prayer of Consecration.
Matt. xxvi. 24.

(*b*) Then Jesus said to them, Verily, verily, *except ye eat of the flesh* of the son of man, and *drink his blood,* you have no life in you.
Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.
St. John vi. 53, 54.

(*c*) *Lift up your hearts.*

(*d*) *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Communion, Versicles.

XXVIII.

(*e*) He hath instituted and ordained holy mysteries, *as pledges of his love;* and for a continual remembrance of his love. Communion, Consecration Prayer.

(*f*) *In his love and pity he redeemed them.* Isaiah lxiii. 9.

(*g*) *In whom we have redemption through his blood,* the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.
Ephesians i. 7.
By his blood, having *obtained eternal redemption for us.*
Hebrews ix. 12.
Christ hath *redeemed us from the curse of the law.*
Galatians iii. 13.

XXIX.

(*h*) And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, *in the regeneration,* when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. St. Matt. xix. 28.
Not by works of mercy which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us *by the washing of regeneration* and receiving of the Holy Ghost. St. John iii. 5.
Grant that we being regenerate and *made thy children by adoption and grace.* Collect, Sunday after Christmas.

(*i*) *What reward shall* I give unto the Lord,

(*j*) For all the *benefits that he hath done unto me?*
Psalm cxvi. 11.

XXVII.

(*a*) The bread! "the flesh of Christ," bless'd gift!
(*b*) The wine! "His Blood," is given!
(*c*) These do our hearts, with warmth, uplift,
(*d*) And raise our souls to heaven.

XXVIII.

(*e*) Pledges of love, by Him ordain'd,
(*f*) In pity of man's state,
(Communion free and unrestrain'd)
(*g*) Redeeming, thus, his fate.

XXIX.

To Him, this sacrifice who made
(*h*) Man to regenerate,
(*i*) What the reward?—the debt how paid
(*j*) For benefit so great?

XXX.

(*a*) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and *my burthen is light.*
St. Matt. xi. 29, 30.

(*b*) The way and means thereto is, to *examine your lives* and conversation by the rule of God's commandments.
Communion, first Exhortation.

(*c*) *Repent* ye truly for your sins past, amend your lives,

(*d*) And *be in perfect charity with all men.*
Communion, second Exhortation.
Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity,* I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. 1 Cor. xiii. 1.

(*e*) I *will receive the cup of salvation,* and will call upon the name of the Lord. Psalm cxvi. 12.

XXXI.

(*f*) *Hear what comfortable words our Saviour, Christ, saith unto all that* truly *turn to him.*

(*g*) *Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.* Communion. St. Matthew xi. 28.

(*h*) It is an easy matter for a man to say, I will not communicate, because I am otherwise hindered with worldly business. But *such excuses are not so easily accepted and allowed before God.* Communion, Second Exhortation.
And see Hebrews vi. 12.

(*i*) Who of his great mercy has pronounced forgiveness of sins to all that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him. Communion, Absolution.
For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth. Peace, peace to him that is afar off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord. And to restore the heart of the contrite ones. Is. lvii. 16. 19. 15.

* The ingredients of *true* charity will be best found in the sublime and beautiful chapter of St. Paul, here referred to.

XXX.

(*a*) ——His burthen's light—your life recall, (*b*)—

(*c*) Repent—in Christ believe;—

(*d*) Be in TRUE charity with all,

(*e*) And, *then*,—THE CUP RECEIVE.

XXXI.

(*f*) Hear the glad words which Christ our Saviour saith,

To all who turn to Him with steadfast faith,

(*g*) COME TO ME ALL THAT HEAVY LADEN ARE,
I WILL REFRESH YOU—of Excuse beware, (*h*)
Seize the rich boon, and never doubt your
(*i*) pray'r.*

* To prayer, repentance, and obedience due,
Though but endeavour'd with sincere intent,
Mine ear shall not be slow, mine eye not shut.
Milt. Par. Lost, b. iii. l. 191.

XXXII.

(*a*) *Draw near with faith.*
Communion, to the Communicants.

(*b*) For there *is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*
Isaiah lvii. 21.

(*c*) And for a *continual remembrance of his death.*
Communion, third Exhortation.

By thy *precious death* and burial. Litany.

XXXIII.

(*d*) Do this *in remembrance of me.*
Communion, Consecration Prayer.

(*e*) I will pay my vows unto the Lord *in the sight of all his people.* Psalm cvi. 16.

(*f*) And in his holy gospel *did command us.*
Communion, Consecration Prayer.

(*g*) *Do this as oft.* Ib.

(*h*) Who are *partakers of this holy communion.*
(Holy mysteries,) see *ante*, No. xxviii.

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the most Highest. Psalm l. 14.

(*i*) And are *also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.*
Post Communion.

And hath *restored us to everlasting life.*
Preface for Easter Day.

XXXIV.

(*j*) I *will pay my vows now.* Psalm cxvi. 13.

(*k*) And take this holy sacrament to *your comfort.*
Communion, to those that come to receive.

(*l*) In *the hope of eternal life*, which God, that cannot lie, *promised* before the world began. Ep. to Titus i. 2.

And this is the *promise which he hath promised* before the world began, even eternal life. 1 John ii. 25.

——Then, shalt thou delight thee in the Lord.
Is. lviii. 14.

And ye shall find rest unto your souls.
St. Matt. xi. 29.

——The Lord hath spoken it.
Isaiah xxii. 8.

XXXII.

(*a*) Draw near with faith, with love full fraught,
Or young or old—e'er breath
(*b*) Cease, your peace not made (sad thought!)—
(*c*) In mem'ry of his precious death.

XXXIII.

(*d*) In oft remembrance, in each other's sight, (*e*)
(*f*) (For such his charge,—DO THIS,) (*g*)
(*h*) Partake ye of his holy rite,
(*i*) —Sure road to endless bliss.

XXXIV.

(*j*) Thus paid your vows—your hearts shall best attest,
(*k*) Your comfort* here—your hope of promis'd rest. (*l*)

* With inward consolation recompensed,
And oft supported.
Milt. Par. Lost, b. iii. l. 561.

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